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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This reply is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 2, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The present reply provides an updated Listing of the Claims that includes editor marks which indicate the changes that have been made to the claims. The one-month shortened statutory period for reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is set to expire on February 2, 2004. Accordingly, applicants believe that this reply is timely filed. No fee or extension of time is believed to be due for this filing. Should any fee be due, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-2350. Should a petition for an extension of time be required to make this communication timely, applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 to make submission of the papers submitted herewith timely and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. For the purpose of charging said deposit account, duplicates of pages 1 and the signature page of this reply are submitted herewith.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: